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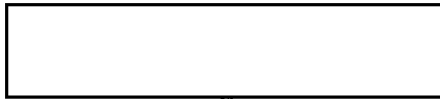
ROMANIA

Standards for Permanent CSCE Institution

The January 30 issue of Scinteia contains an article that outlines Bucharest's general positions on the establishment of a permanent body at the European Security talks in Geneva. Besides reiterating the standard line on the need for an institution to follow through on decisions reached in Geneva,

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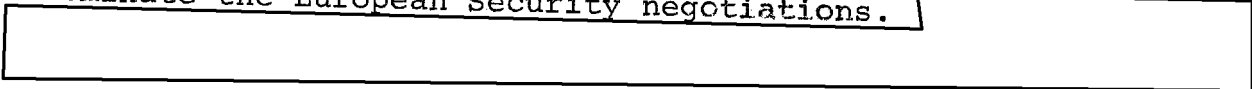


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the Romanians also say the body should be constituted on the principles of "rotation and consensus." The summarized version of the article does not elaborate on what it means by such a formulation, but Bucharest undoubtedly wants such principles approved to increase the influence of the smaller European states through shared staffing and to include veto rights for all countries. These tacks are to be expected from Bucharest, which often uses its veto privileges in bloc councils and has regularly complained that the great powers dominate the European Security negotiations.

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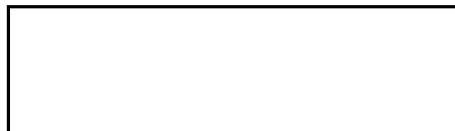
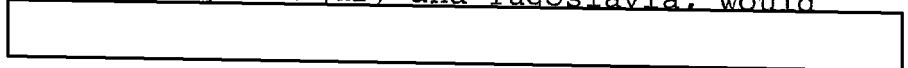
EAST GERMANY

Solzhenitsyn Book Expected to Jolt Youth

In a conversation in Bonn on January 25 with a US Embassy officer, unofficial East German emissary Hermann von Berg said he thought the new Solzhenitsyn book would have an "explosive" effect on East German youth, analogous to Khrushchev's "secret speech" on Stalin's crimes to the 20th Party Congress in 1956.

He said East German students were already skeptical about Marxism-Leninism, and the new book, which he thought would become easily available through Hungary and Yugoslavia, would really shake them.

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